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Public Act No. 05-33

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH
MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) On or before December 31, 2005, any municipality that (1) has a population between twenty-five and thirty thousand persons as enumerated in the 2000 federal decennial census, (2) occupies a total area of not less than fifty-nine square miles, and (3) is the site of a correctional institution operated by the Department of Correction, may, by ordinance adopted by its legislative body, establish an authority to oversee development or redevelopment of a specified area or parcel of land that is located in and owned by the municipality. Such ordinance shall prescribe (A) the boundaries of the area or parcel of land within the jurisdiction of the authority; (B) the method of appointment and terms of office of members of the authority; (C) the powers and duties of the authority which shall include implementation of a master plan of development, hiring employees, building, maintaining and operating improvements to the land in accordance with such master plan and negotiating and entering into leases for any part of the land and improvements thereon, provided (i) any lease shall be subject to the approval of the executive authority of the municipality, and (ii) no master plan of

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development may be implemented by the authority unless there has been opportunity for public comment on such master plan of development at a properly-noticed public hearing in the municipality; (D) a schedule for reporting progress on the implementation of the master plan of development to the legislative body and other appropriate municipal officials or agencies; and (E) any other provisions deemed necessary by the legislative body.

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